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City Manager's Message

The fall season welcomed a new school year for the children of our community and a new operating budget for the City of Copperas Cove. Winter quickly approached and is now upon us. Emergency Preparedness can be achieved for the safety of your family by following the Emergency Management safety tips located on the City's Government Access Channel and City's website.



Please watch for an announcement on the City's new 11,000 square foot Fire Station 2 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The ceremony is expected to occur in mid to late January 2016. The new location will ensure greater response to the growth along West Avenue B, Big Divide Road, and Summers Road.

Appreciating our employees is vital to the success of our City. The City recognizes employees reaching key milestones during the first City Council

Workshop of each month. We invite citizens to join us in recognizing and celebrating those employees.

Please visit the City's website to keep up to date on City information and visit with your Citizen Focus Group members as they represent us all. If you are interested in serving on a City Council appointed committee, board or commission, please contact Kevin Keller at kkeller@copperascovetx.gov

Stay warm, be safe and have a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Andrea M. Gardner

City Manager

City Events

On September 2nd Governor Greg Abbott issued a Statewide Call to Stand with Law Enforcement in Texas. As Texas mourned the loss of Harris County Sheriff Deputy Darren Goforth, Governor Abbot issued the call to honor Deputy Goforth and all officers across the State by asking Texas law enforcement officers to turn on their red and blue flashing lights for one-minute of silence on Friday, September 4th. In a statement he added "respect and pride in our law enforcement must be restored in this State and Nation." A sincere thank you to the citizens who joined us at the Copperas Cove Police Dept. to support our men and women in blue, we appreciate you!



Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

City staff attended 4 Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies during the 3rd Quarter of 2015. We feel so honored to officially welcome these businesses to the thriving Copperas Cove community:

July 14, 2015 - Crossfit Beyond Limits

August 10, 2015 - 1-of-A-Kind

August 22, 2015 - Triapolis

September 23, 2015 - Aurora Ute



Crossfit Beyond Limits



1-of-A-Kind



Triapolis



Aurora Ute

Police Department ***Awards & Recognition***



Detective Krystal Baker
Rotary Club
Officer of the Month - July



Officer Angel Nunez
Morning Exchange Club
Officer of the Quarter - August



Officer Matthew Schenck
Rotary Club
Officer of the Month - September



Congratulations to the 2015 Law Enforcement Explorer Program Graduating Class:

Colton Christman, Dantae Coleman, Donovan Hastings, Samuel Hayward, Gillyanna Henville, Christopher Kohl, Melissa Mella, Victoria Ray, Celine Sanchez, Ralph Stratman



The Central Texas Law Enforcement Torch Run Team held a Tip--A-Cop event to benefit the Special Olympics Texas Program at the Copperas Cove Applebee's on September 16th. The event resulted in several thousand dollars being raised, which was turned over to support the local Area 12 Athletes.



Police Officer Gary Goodlett graduated from the Central Texas College Regional Police Academy on September 25th, and was later sworn in during a ceremony at the Copperas Cove Police Dept. Officer Goodlett attended the inaugural Law Enforcement Explorer Program Academy and pursued his goal of wearing the CCPD badge. Congratulations Gary and be safe on the streets. We would also like to congratulate Sgt. Jeremy Alber on receiving the Instructor of the Year Award during the graduation ceremony!



Animal Control

The Animal Control Shelter kept busy during the quarter with a couple group tours in July, and a Pet Vaccination Clinic in August:



Girl Scout Troop #6127 visited on July 9th



Boys & Girls Club visited on July 30th

The shelter also hosted FREE Adoption Events in July, August and September with outstanding results. During these events the adoption fees for all adoptable dogs and cats are waived. An adoption agreement which requires the animals to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped is still required. For more information on monthly FREE Adoption events please contact the shelter at (254)547-5584:

July 23-24: 12 Dogs and 11 Cats

August 21-22: 12 Dogs and 16 Cats

September 17-18: 10 Dogs and 5 Cats

That's a total of 34 dogs and 32 cats that found new homes in just 6 days during these events!

Code Compliance



Congratulations to Code Compliance Officer Tre'Manielle Cofield on successful completion of the Health Services Code Enforcement Exam on August 10th. This was the final step necessary for her to become a Texas Registered Code Enforcement Officer. Thank you for your dedication and commitment in serving the citizens of Copperas Cove!

Fire Department



Left: Lt. Dwane Cummings received the Morning Exchange Club's Firefighter of the Quarter Award in July.

Right: CCFD Firefighter's Brad Kammer, Jared Satterfield, and Ethan Westbrook completed Central Texas College's Paramedic School in August.



A Swearing In and Promotion Ceremony was held at the Copperas Cove Fire Dept. on August 12th. Two employees, Marcus Waechter and Jeremy Lydon, were pinned with their Lieutenant badges. Twelve other members were officially welcomed and "pinned": John Watkins, Sarah Combs, Cody Ragsdale, Bradley Wilson, Zach Minnix, Joshua Anchors, Adam McCormack, Scott Worsdale, Jason Moore, Austin Tolliver, Calvin Simpson, and Michael Luedtke.





Firefighter Monte Priest
Rotary Club First Responder of the Month - July



Firefighter George Romfh
Rotary Club First Responder of the Month - August



Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Michael Fleming is a 30 year employee of the City, however that did not stop him from attending the Central Texas College Regional Police Academy to obtain his Peace Officer's Certification on Sept. 25th. After being sworn in by Municipal Court Judge F.W. "Bill" Price, DC Fleming was pinned by his daughter, CCPD Detective Krystal Baker. Congratulations on your accomplishment sir.

Recycle/KCCB



During their July meeting, members of the Centex Sustainable Communities Staff Committee made "Garbage Pizzas". The exercise is meant to educate on what garbage content waste can actually be recycled.



Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful members participated in the Chick-fil-A Back to School Bash in August, providing interested citizens with educational handouts and items.



Left: Summer Reading Program participants show off their artwork after learning how paper is recycled from Recycling Coordinator Silvia Rhoads.



Right: Recycle Michael greets children for Superhero's Day at the Library in July.

Library

The Library staff were very busy last quarter with preparation and implementation of the annual Summer Reading Program. The program was once again a great success and could not have been completed without the support of the Friends of the Library. Children were entertained with the Black Bert Magic Show, Circus Chicken Dog Show, Wild Things Zoofari, Lucas Miller the Singing Zoologist, Super Hero Crafts and Rocket Launch Day, and much more. This annual program is offered to citizens at no cost so be sure to watch for next year's activities!



The Library and the Society for Creative Anachronism, a Medieval and Renaissance hobby group with a local chapter in the Fort Hood area, hosted a hands-on Medieval Blacksmithing class in the parking lot on September 16th. Sparks were flying and iron was being forged at this event!



Senior Center

The Copperas Cove Senior Center has been thriving with various activities lately. In July they hosted an Ice Cream Social & Bingo Party, and even gave a tour of their recently developed raised bed gardens!



Human Resources

Human Resources and the Wellness Committee hosted two Lunch & Learns recently, the first *"Healthy Cooking"* on July 28th, and the second *"How to Navigate Your Grocery Store for Healthy Choices"* on August 28th; both events were held at HEB Plus. The classes were well attended and we are happy to see our employees becoming more active and health conscious!



Unity Committee



Several City employees were recognized before the City Council on July 21st for their service on the Unity Committee:

Silvia Rhoads - Outgoing Chair
Davis Dewald - Outgoing Member
Carroll Merrell - Outgoing Member
Kevin Miller - Outgoing Member



Employee Service Awards

July 2015



Valerie Reynolds
Library Supervisor
15 Years of Service



Carroll Merrell
Meter Reader/Svc Tech
20 Years of Service



JD Hardcastle
Water Heavy Equipment Op.
25 Years of Service

August 2015



Lenora Couch
Senior Records Clerk
20 Years of Service



September 2015



David Wellington
Senior Animal Control Officer
5 Years of Service



Joseph Ngiraklang
Parks Laborer
10 Years of Service



Jose Velazco
Custodian
10 Years of Service



Chad Cullar
Wastewater Operator II
10 Years of Service

Thomas Brooks Jr.
Wastewater Operator II
10 Years of Service

Shannon Thompson
Communications Operator
15 Years of Service



Roger Bekkerus
Fleet Lead Mechanic
15 Years of Service

Parks and Recreation



The City of Copperas Cove is pleased to announce Mr. Joe Brown recently accepted the position of Director of Parks & Recreation. He began his employment on Monday, September 21, 2015.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Joe later moved and was raised in Tucson, Arizona. He attended The Ohio State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications, while also playing football and having the honor of playing in a Rose Bowl, two Sugar Bowls and two Outback Bowls. Joe went on to earn a spot in the NFL and played two seasons with the Seattle Seahawks. At the age of 26, he left the NFL to fulfill his desire to serve our country and enlisted in the United States Army, where he served as a Sergeant in a special operations unit. Joe later medically retired from the Army and enrolled at Arkansas State University, where he graduated with a Master's Degree in Marketing and Communications in 2010.

Joe's work experience includes being the Athletic Coordinator and later the Recreation Superintendent for the City of Harker Heights, Texas; the Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; and the Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Fairview Park, Ohio. He is a strong community builder and extremely passionate about quality of life programs in communities. Now a resident of Copperas Cove, Texas, Joe is excited to serve the citizens of our community. He is married to his wife, Stacey, and they have one son and one daughter.

Joe Brown Director of Parks and Recreation

His hobbies include coaching and playing sports with his children.

Joe's office is located at 1408 Golf Course Road, or he can be contacted at jbrown@copperascovetx.gov or (254)542-2719.

Upcoming Events "Copperas Cove Buzz"



Copperas Cove
Parks and Recreation Department
1408 Golf Course Rd.
Copperas Cove, TX 76822
Office 254.542.2719
Fax 254.547.3738
www.copperascovetx.gov

Copperas Cove Buzz

Upcoming Events



Volunteer

Make a difference in a child's life and sign up to be a Parks and Recreation volunteer coach! Coach applications can be picked up at the Parks and Rec. office.
"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Speed Golf

*Play 9 holes as fast as you can
*Only \$11 to play
*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 4:00pm
*Allow faster speed golfers to play through
*Score is kept by adding your time with your 9 hole score
Contact Hills of Cove Golf Course for more info!
254.547.2606

Polar Bear Swim

Saturday, January 30, 2016
9:00am-11:00am
Copperas Cove City Park Pool
1206 W. Ave. B
\$10 to participate
\$20 if you would like a shirt
Pre-register at the Parks and Recreation office to make sure you receive your t-shirt the day of the event. Registration will be December 21st-January 22nd.

Fishing in the Park

Saturday, February 20, 2016
9:00am-11:00am
Copperas Cove City Park
1206 W. Ave. B
Come out and make some cherished family memories!
*Free Fishing
*Free Raffle Drawing for Prizes
*Food Trucks (\$)
All Texas Parks & Wildlife rules apply

Easter Egg Round-Up


Saturday, March 19, 2016
9:00am-11:00am
Copperas Cove City Park
1206 W. Ave. B
*Ages 0-3 Field #1 9:00am
*Ages 4-6 Field #2 9:15am
*Ages 7-9 Field #3 9:30am
*Ages 10-12 Field 4 9:45am
One GRAND PRIZE egg per age group will be found!

Daddy Daughter Dance


Saturday, March 26, 2016
6:00pm-8:00pm
Copperas Cove Civic Center
1206 W. Ave. B

Advance Tickets
\$20 per couple
\$5 each additional child
At the Door
\$25 per couple
\$10 each additional child

Purchase tickets at Parks and Recreation



Copperas Cove Athletics and Aquatics



Youth Baseball/Softball

Registration Dates:
February 1st-March 4th
Season:
April 18th-June 25th

Fees:
\$60/Player (10 games)
\$70/Player (non-resident)
Ages:
5-15 yrs

StartSmart
Ages 3-5yrs \$35/player
A parent participation program designed to teach young children the fundamentals of the sport.

Pitch, Hit, and Run

Free Pitch/Hit/Run Event
April 2, 2016
Copperas Cove City Park
Co-Ed: Ages 7-15
Birth Certificate must accompany your registration roster (Copies please/No originals)

Looking for a Summer job?

Apply to be a Lifeguard, Pool Manager, or a Pool Cashier!! Apply online at www.copperascovetx.gov

Accepting Applications
February 2016

Apply online at:
www.copperascovetx.gov

Swim Lessons

*Registration:
Begins May 9th
*Cost:
\$60 Per Session
*Sessions:
Each session consists of eight 30 min lessons
*Sessions begin June 7th

Family Swim:
Thursdays 7:30pm-9:30pm

Flag Football

Registration:
June 30th-July 30th
\$60/Player
5-15yrs

Tackle Football

Registration:
July 1st-Aug. 1st
\$120/Player
Div. I 3rd & 4th grade
Div. II 5th & 6th grade

Hills of Cove Golf Course

The Hills of Cove Golf Course hosted this year's Texas A&M University Central Texas Golf Classic on September 18th. Participation was high for this annual tournament which raises scholarship funds for local students. Several City employees and Elected Officials participated in this great event...and a great time was had by all!



*For more information on all of our sports, events, and aquatics calendar please visit us at www.ccpard.com

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